

I was a news and public affairs producer during the time of the Fairness doctrine. How that was eliminated in the FCC is a story I'm afraid to hear. How could you so violate the public trust by allowing an extreme partisan corporation buy so many stations and show a highly questionable highly partisan film without giving equal time to another film of a differing view. And so near the election! Shame on you for violating our sacred free press by allowing such slanted programming without airing competing views! I couldn't feel sadder as an American who cherishes freedom of the press.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.